

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-75 (Cancelled)

76. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a human exhibiting symptoms of ~~mammal having, or predisposed to having,~~ an autoimmune disease selected from the group consisting of diabetes, lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, scleroderma, Crohn's disease, Grave's disease, psoriasis, Celiac disease, adult-onset idiopathic hypoparathyroidism (AOIH), Sjögren's syndrome, and Addison's disease, said method comprising administering to said human ~~mammal~~ a therapeutically effective amount of an agent that binds to a cell-surface receptor, thereby activating the NFκB signaling pathway ~~a substance that stimulates a signaling pathway that activates NFκB.~~

77. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 76, wherein said agent ~~substance~~ is TNF-α.

78. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~76~~ 77, wherein said agent ~~substance~~ is an antibody, ~~an antisense RNA molecule, or a ribozyme directed against IκB or one of the 240 kD or 200 kD human erythrocyte derived proteasome inhibitors.~~

79-82 (Cancelled)